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## SALEM COUNTY FREEHOLDERS AND NJ OFFICIALS HOLD GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PEDRICKTOWN BRIDGE

(OLDMANS TWP., NJ)—Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, today announced at a groundbreaking ceremony that construction of the new Pedricktown Bridge is underway. Freeholder Bobbitt was joined at the ceremony by fellow Freeholders and State and Local officials. The \$1.8 million dollar project is funded by a bond issued in 2008 and reserved funds from the County 2007 Capital Account.

"This bridge is an important part of the transportation infrastructure for Salem County as it links us with Gloucester County," said Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt. "The bridge was closed in August of 2007 due to its poor condition. This project will build a new bridge and provide jobs for those employed to construct it. This is true economic stimulus by putting people to work to make our County better."

The project is estimated to take 322 work days to complete. The bridge was designed by Urban Engineers, Inc. and construction will be done by Marbro Construction Company, Inc with T&M Associates inspecting the construction.

"Built in the late 1800s to early 1900s the Pedricktown Bridge has served an important role in the transportation infrastructure for Salem County and Oldmans Township," said Freeholder Bobbitt. "The new bridge, once constructed, will be safe and provide an efficient transportation route for our residents inconvenienced by the closure of the old bridge."